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In re: Patent Application of : Attorney Docket No.:

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For: ABSORBENT MULTILAYER : Group Art Unit: 3772

HYDROGEL WOUND DRESSINGS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114 AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 18, 2008, and respectfully requests the amendments and remarks be made of record in the above-identified patent application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on September 16, 2008 with the Appeal Brief due on November 16, 2008. The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and this Amendment and Response is filed with a Petition for Five-Month Extension of Time and related fees.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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